

TITLE 2. FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fair Political Practices Commission, under the authority vested in it by Section 83112 of the Government Code proposes to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations in Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations. The Fair Political Practices Commission will consider the proposed regulations at a public hearing on or after **April 16, 2009**, at the offices of the Fair Political Practices Commission, 428 J Street, Suite 800, Sacramento, California, commencing at approximately **10:00 a.m.** Written comments must be received at the Commission offices no later than **5:00 p.m.** on **April 14, 2009**.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW:

Government Code Section 84101 requires every committee that receives campaign contributions of \$1,000 or more to file a statement of organization with the Secretary of State within 10 days after it has qualified as a committee. Regulation 18402 provides that a committee shall use only one name on its statement of organization and that the Secretary of State shall not issue an identification number to any committee that has the same name as an existing committee. The proposed amendment to Regulation 18402 would provide that if two or more committees file a statement of organization with the same name the Secretary of State shall issue an identification number to the committee that files first after the date it qualifies as a committee.

Government Code Section 84102 provides the information that must be included on each statement of organization. Proposed Regulation 18410 would provide that the Secretary of State shall refuse to accept any filing of a statement of organization that does not contain the required information.

REGULATORY ACTION:

Amend 2 Cal. Code Regs. § 18402: The Commission will consider amending Regulation 18402 to provide that whenever two or more committees file a statement of organization and list the same committee name, the Secretary of State shall issue an identification number to the first committee to file its statement of organization so long as the committee has qualified as a committee and so indicates its qualification on the form.

Adopt 2 Cal. Code Regs. § 18410: The Commission will consider adopting Regulation 18410 to provide that a statement of organization must contain the required information before the Secretary of State may accept it for filing.

SCOPE:

The Commission may delete provisions, adopt the language noticed herein, or choose new language to implement its policy regarding the filing of a statement of organization for a recipient committee under Regulation 18402 and proposed Regulation 18410.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Fiscal Impact on Local Government. This regulation will have no fiscal impact on any local entity or program.

Fiscal Impact on State Government. This regulation will have no fiscal impact on any state entity or program.

Fiscal Impact on Federal Funding of State Programs. This regulation will have no fiscal impact on the federal funding of any state program or entity.

AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 83112 provides that the Fair Political Practices Commission may adopt, amend, and rescind rules and regulations to carry out the purposes and provisions of the Political Reform Act.

REFERENCE: The purpose for the proposed amendment to Regulation 18402 is to implement, interpret or make specific Government Code Sections 84101, 84102, 84103, 84504 and 84506. The purpose for the proposed adoption to Regulation 18410 is to implement, interpret or make specific Government Code Sections 84101, 84102, and 84103.

CONTACT: Any inquiries should be made to William J. Lenkeit, Fair Political Practices Commission, 428 J Street, Suite 800, Sacramento, CA 95814; telephone (916) 322-5660 or 1-866-ASK-FPPC. Proposed regulatory language can be accessed at www.fppc.ca.gov.